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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 156

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Reverend Jobby and Mrs. Edith Byrge on the celebration of their 55th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1945, more than 55 years ago, Reverend Jobby and Edith Byrge were joined in holy matrimony, and since that fateful day this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Reverend and Mrs. Byrge have been highly respected citizens of the LaFollette community for many fruitful years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to follow the Lord's commandment to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, they have both served God faithfully; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced eight children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Byrge's children are Bobby

Byrge, Tommy Byrge, Johnny Byrge, Beulah Curl, Shelby Day, Deanna Miller, Larry Byrge, and Roger Burge; and

WHEREAS, the Byrges are also the proud and loving grandparents of 25 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, for more than 55 years this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Byrges' are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Reverend Jobby and Mrs. Edith Byrge on 55 years of wedded bliss and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation, with this last resolving clause deleted.